

### **Remarks**

Applicant provisionally elects Group I, directed to claim 1-11, 19, and 20, with the below detailed traverse.

The Examiner alleged that the "inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept...because...they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: There is no special technical feature because DE 299,07,262 discloses each and every element of claim 1."

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 4. DE 299 27 262 does not disclose a control device according to currently amended claim 1. The device shown in DE 299 27 262 does not allow performing a process step on the object 50', while the laser operates on the object 50. For example, there cannot be any application of a new layer onto the object 50' while the laser is solidifying material for building the object 50. Since DE 299 27 262 does not show this feature of claim 1, the restriction set out in the Action dated June 27, 2008, should be withdrawn.

Independent claim 1 avoids the cited prior art as demonstrated above, and furthermore recites and shares corresponding special technical features recited in claim 12. For these reasons, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration is requested

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